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Early Years Bulletin: Worcestershire News and Reminders

Professional Development Programme - Phase 3

The DfE have provided updated information about Phase 3 of the [Professional Development Programme](#) (PDP3). Available to practitioners nationally, PDP3 will be targeted towards reaching disadvantaged children. The Programme is designed to support level 3 qualified practitioners who have not already completed PDP1 or PDP2.

We will be looking for providers to join a cohort in September 2023. Practitioners will have around 7-8 months to complete 3 modules covering:

- Early communication and language
- Early mathematics
- Personal, social and emotional development

We will be actively recruiting providers during the Summer Term but if you would like to register your interest now, please email EYCC@worchildrenfirst.org.uk

Nursery Education Funding

Triple P Positive Parenting Programme: One Off Digital Sessions

On behalf of Action for Children and Worcestershire Starting Well Partnership can you please share the following information with your parents and carers where appropriate.

Do you have a child or children aged 2 to 10 years old?

Do you want to manage or prevent some of the challenging behaviours that do and can occur?

Then come along and join one or more of our one-off discussion groups and meet other parents in

Calculating holiday entitlement for part-year and irregular hours workers

Following the Supreme Court judgement on [Harpur Trust v Brazel](#) regarding the calculation of holiday pay and entitlement of a permanent part

Shaping Us Campaign

The Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood's campaign launch preview of their major new 'Shaping Us

Early Years Bulletin - In the setting

Edible Messy Play Ideas

Taste-safe playdough

Full fat plain yoghurt

Cornflour

Mix until no longer sticky

Gingerbread crumble sensory play

2-3 cups of flour

1-2 tsp of cinnamon

½ cup of oil

Blend until it's a crumbly texture to play with

Taste-safe sand

Ground crackers

Baby rusks / biscuits

More taste safe sand (different colour and smell to above)

Ground cereal such as Cheerio's

Chia Slime

¼ cup of chia seeds

2 cups of water

2-3 drops of food colouring

Jelly shapes in a tray

Cooked spaghetti with food colouring

Frozen orange segments in a tray

Dry food play (cous cous, cereal etc)

Aquafaba

Blend the left over from a can of chickpea with 1-2 tsp of cream of tartar

Taste-safe paint

Greek yoghurt with food colouring

Cost of Living: Supporting Families in the Early Years

[Anna Freud](#) National Centre for Children and Families is hosting a virtual event reflecting on what the cost-of-living crisis means for children in the early years, their families and early years providers.

Cost: Free

Date: 23rd February 2023 4:30 – 6pm, virtual delivery

To book: [Cost of Living: Supporting Families in the Early Years | Training | Anna Freud Centre](#)

Animateys Pancake Story Workshop

Following the enthusiastic response to our Christmas workshop in December, I am excited to announce that we have now opened up our **Pancake Story Workshop for FREE** for all nurseries, schools and homes in Worcestershire!

This workshop compliments our **Active Storytelling Training**: it gives further ideas for activities and gets the children experiencing a story through multiple senses. The professional version comes with a supporting EYFS learning pack.

If you don't have the facilities to share an active workshop with the children at your setting (ie. large enough screen and sound), please free to share the parents' version with your families - so the children can enjoy it at home.

Grandpa's Birthday Pancake starts with a warmup, followed by a fun story about a pancake. After the story there are games, songs and activities (that you can pick and choose from) - where the children can experience the story physically and vocally.

If you run it all in one go, it takes around 30 minutes. But you can dip in and out as you wish. Make sure to allow space for the children to move around and please be ready to get involved yourself. This is not a passive watching experience - so the adult is key in helping the children get the most from the experience.

How to access: Please use the coupon code **PANCAKE (all capitals)** at checkout for free access!

- For nurseries, childminders and schools - run the the professional workshop (facilitated by you, EYFS pack included): [Choose this link](#)
- If you prefer for the children to enjoy the experience at home, please [share this link](#) with parents.

For either option - please go as if to pay, then use the coupon code PANCAKE. You do not need to add any payment details.

For info: Pancake day is Tuesday 21 February this year.

Any questions - or to let me know how you got on - contact hello@animateys.com

Reminders from the Training Team

The CPD site website is: <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx>

Access to CPD: Each Early Years Setting and Childminder will have a CPD Leader account to access the new system. If you have not received your CPD Leader email welcoming you to the site then please let the training team know by emailing workforcesupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk so that this can be looked into and resolved accordingly.

Joining instructions for training: How do I receive them?

Please be aware that joining instructions for virtual training are now included within the body of your confirmation email. They will appear as hyperlinks. If for any reason they do not appear as a hyperlink then you will need to copy the link into a web browser/MS teams app (if you have it) or Zoom app if we are using that method, to allow you to join the training. Please ensure that there are no spaces before the "https" and the final character of the link.

Joining instructions: I have misplaced them what do I do?

If for any reason you cannot find your joining instructions, please ensure you contact the training team with a minimum of 5 days before your course to get them re-sent. The training team cannot guarantee availability on the day of the course to support you.

The team can be contacted by emailing workforcesupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk.

Certificates for course since September 2022: How do I receive them?

The training team allow 10 days for a register to be returned from the trainer, once it's received and the course is marked as held on WCF:CPD booking system then certificates are issued. Certificates are currently sent via email (from the booking system) to the email held against the delegate for that specific course.

Certificates for courses that took place before September 2022

If for any reason you are missing any certificate for a course that took place before 01.09.2022 then please email the training team with the course title / date and the name of the delegate the certificate is required for. We are allowing 10 days to organise replacement certificates. The team can be contacted by emailing workforcesupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk.